

REMARKS

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 8, and 9, all the claims pending in the application, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Kodimer (U.S. Patent No. 5,781,192) in view of Goldstein (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0143985). Applicants submit that the claims are patentable.

For example, independent claims 1 and 5 recite, in some variation, that other data stored in the basic clipboard prior to said latest copied or cut data being stored in the basic clipboard is automatically stored in the multi-clipboard in response to said latest copied or cut data being stored in the basic clipboard. Independent claims 1 and 5 also recite, in some variation, that data from the multi-clipboard is displayed when the amount of time counted by the timer reaches the predetermined amount of time.

In the Response filed October 20, 2008, Applicants argued that the Examiner confusingly asserts that Kodimer's new memory buffer changes from the claimed basic clipboard to the multi-clipboard when new data is cut or copied therein. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner clarifies his interpretation of Kodimer. Specifically, the Examiner refers to figures 6d and 8b and poses a scenario in which the cut/copy command and the paste command in the claim are interpreted as two separate commands. Specifically, the Examiner broadly interprets the claimed basic clipboard and multi-clipboard to be separate buffers in separate applications of Kodimer.

Contrary to the recitations of independent claims 1 and 5, the Examiner's interpretation of Kodimer relies upon a user manually copying and cutting data by using multiple commands which are independent of one another. Thus, Kodimer does not teach or suggest that other data

stored in the basic clipboard prior to said latest copied or cut data being stored in the basic clipboard is automatically stored in the multi-clipboard in response to said latest copied or cut data being stored in the basic clipboard.

Moreover, Applicants submit that Kodimer and Goldstein do not teach or suggest that data from the multi-clipboard is displayed when the amount of time counted by the timer reaches the predetermined amount of time, as recited in some variation by independent claims 1 and 5. At page 5 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Kodimer does not teach that data displayed by the multi-clipboard executing unit is displayed if the paste menu is selected after the amount of time counted by the timer is greater than a predetermined amount of time. The Examiner contends that Goldstein cures this deficiency. In particular, the Examiner asserts that Goldstein teaches various techniques for using a variety of timed sequences of keystrokes to control a paste operation, including performing an operation after a time has elapsed.

Here, the Examiner seems to interpret the claim language in an open ended manner, asserting that Goldstein teaches that certain operations may occur at any time after a time period has elapsed. However, Goldstein does not teach or suggest that data from the multi-clipboard is displayed when the amount of time counted by the timer reaches the predetermined amount of time, as recited, in some variation, by independent claims 1 and 5. Kodimer does not cure this deficiency. In the interview conducted October 2, 2008, the Examiner seemed to acknowledge that Kodimer and Goldstein do not teach the above feature of claims 1 and 5.

Because Goldstein and Kodimer do not teach or suggest all of the features of independent claims 1 and 5, Applicants submit that these claims are not rendered unpatentable by Kodimer

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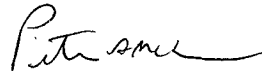
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and Goldstein. Applicants also submit that claim 3, 8 and 9 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency on one of claims 1 and 5.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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